

WHITE HOUNDED BY DETECTIVES

Remarkable Story of Relentless Persecution Told by Man Employed by White.

FEAR OF ASSASSINATION

Had Determined to Have the Shadowed Arrested on Day Following Tragedy.

NEW YORK, July 1.—Astonishingly little light is thrown on the murder of Stanford White by Harry K. Thaw by P. S. Bergoff, a detective and body guard, employed by White, who made public the contents of a diary which he had kept in connection with his protection of the architect. His statement is a revelation of the conditions that preceded the tragedy on Madison Square Roof Garden last Monday night.

Bergoff, at one time, had charge of a detective agency which had been employed by Thaw to watch White. Afterwards he left that agency, became manager of another one, and entered the employ of White.

The detective's statement and diary show that he had been fearful for his life, that he took minute precautions to guard against a surprise, and that equally ingenious plans were made to keep track of every movement of the man about town.

The diary is a surprising exposure of life among the hiredlings of the underworld in New York. Bergoff gave his story as follows:

There is a side to the story of the assassination of Stanford White which has not been told, and I am going to tell it. The big architect, who was with me and I am not afraid to speak out the truth, although his attorneys and others have been strongly silent.

Cost White \$6,000.

Between February 14, 1906, and June 25, 1906, Mr. White paid me over \$6,000, which sum was disbursed during that period in the protection of his person and the shadowing of a band of private detectives hired by Harry K. Thaw, the Pittsburgh millionaire.

I further charge that Mr. White was shadowed by Thaw's sleuths up to 8 o'clock on the night of his death, and that it was a very easy matter for young Mr. Thaw to know where Mr. White was at all times.

Mr. White was paid sleuths even then on the job, and in an automobile, four of them followed the architect when he left his office at No. 160 Fifth Avenue, at the precise hour I have named.

My business is that of a private detective, and I am no better nor worse than others of my profession. If I were without gratitude and a sense of justice, I would not tell my story. Here is the account as near as I can give it by reference to my diary.

In February, 1906, I was engaged for several weeks on a private assignment in the vicinity of Madison Square Garden. It was a divorce case, and the lady involved, who was the wife of a person prominent in the theatrical world, happened to live near the Manhattan Club.

Story in Bergoff's Diary.
Bergoff's diary begins with this incident, the first entry being on February 10, 1906. He says that he observed several men, whom he recognized as detectives, and a woman shadowing a large man, who, he afterwards learned, was Stanford White.

On February 14th he visited Mr. White at his office, and informed him that he was being shadowed by detectives. White at first laughed at the idea, but was later convinced that Bergoff was right. Bergoff and White went together to the law office of Abe Hummel, and there White engaged Bergoff's services to watch the other men in the diary, and then engaged other men to assist him, and for more than five weeks they were on the watch constantly. White, in the meantime, growing very anxious.

Once the architect said to Bergoff: "I cannot understand it. I have never known in all my life wronged either man or woman." On another occasion he said to me: "I have long suspected to the detective. I am having this work done, but I must have the absolute proof and you must get it."

Found Thaw Was Employer.
Finally, on March 20th, one of Bergoff's men who had gained the confidence of the superintendent of the rival agency which was shadowing White learned that the man who had employed that agency to do this work was Harry Kendall Thaw.

The Diary in Detail.
Bergoff's diary then continues as follows: "May 29th—'Good news for you.' I am announced to Mr. White over the telephone. 'What is it?' was his quick, nervous question. I explained that it was so important that he would have to wait until I could get over to see him in person."

Conference in Hotel.
"Where are you?" he asked. I told him at the Herald Square Hotel. "Wait for me and I will be up in a minute."

C. & O. July 4th July Excursion.
Round \$1.25 Trip. TO Old Point, Buckroe, Ocean View and Norfolk. Fast 3 Trains. Cape Henry and Virginia Beach, \$1.50.

Three fast trains leave Richmond—8:30 and 9 A. M.—for Norfolk and the seaside, and 8:30 train make no stops. 9 A. M. train stops only at Newport News. Twelve hours at the seaside. Returning, leave Norfolk, via Ocean View Railway, every hour until 8 P. M. Leave Ocean View every hour until 8 P. M. Train leave Old Point, P. M., and 7:30 P. M. Last train leaves Old Point 8:45 P. M. This train does not stop at Newport News.

FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSIONS, VIA THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.
On July 2d, 3d and 4th, low-rate excursion tickets will be on sale from all points, via the Southern Railway; return limit July 5th.

IMPORTANT WORK OF CONGRESS

Summary of Acts of Record-Breaking Session that Passed Upon Many Matters of Vital Interest to the American People.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The achievements of the Fifty-ninth Congress in its first session, lasting seven months, constitute a remarkable record. Owing to the vast importance of many of the matters considered and passed upon the session was decidedly spectacular at times. The wording of the "big stick" by the President will become historic, so persistently and effectively was it used. The record of the session is shown by the following summary:

Railway rates to be fixed by enlarged Interstate Commerce Commission; penalties and other discriminations penalized; sleeping cars, express companies and pipe lines made common carriers; railway passes prohibited.

Panama Canal to have 55-foot level with locks; Panama Canal bonds to enjoy same privileges as all other United States bonds; Panama Canal supplies to be domestic products.

Pure Food Law must be the data, especially on popular remedies. Meat inspection, "from hoof to can," at government expense. Free alcohol, denatured, for use in the arts.

Oklahoma (including Indian Territory) admitted to the Union, and Arizona with New Mexico if they agree to union. Consular service reorganized on merit basis. Quarantine against yellow fever nationalized.

Niagara Falls to be preserved. Alaska allowed a Delegate in the House, and a bill was passed devoted to schools and road building. Prohibition of aliens fishing in Alaskan waters made absolute. Nationalized and made more difficult.

Steamboat inspection made more rigid, due to General Electric. Marine bills operated for profit required to have Federal licenses. The Philippines: Application of Coast Guard to Philippine waters until April 11, 1909. Minor tariff modification made, and ratio of gold and silver in coinage changed. Hawaiian Islands made subject to government. Tariff duties collected before 1902 legalized. Naval vessel for Philippine Naval Militia.

Golconda Island, in excess of \$50,000 to be coined. National bank liabilities limited to 20 per cent. of capital. Employers' Liability Statute. Negligent common carriers within United States jurisdiction liable for damages to employees.

Federal donations to State Agricultural Experiment stations increased so that within ten years they shall each receive \$20,000 annually.

President's traveling expenses defrayed to the extent of \$25,000 annually. American representative at Constantinople made Ambassador, and \$150,000 appropriated to purchase League property.

Production of pure domestic sweet wines encouraged by reduced taxation. Immunity of witnesses in criminal cases limited. States District judge and court officers for China, and additional judge for New York Southern District, provided.

Destruction of antiquities on United States lands forbidden and the President authorized to acquire lands.

making splendid progress with Rorke, and he has learned that the Thaw sleuths were being used not only to shadow Mr. White, but in trailing his most intimate friends. The victims of this new move included Miss Grant, two members of the "It" happened in Nordland" Company. Mr. White was accompanied by several of these young women, and that they and others should be dragged into his troubles with Thaw was a matter of great personal annoyance to him.

Thaw Wanted White Annoyed.
June 12—The order given by Thaw to the Greater New York Detective Agency was going abroad, as reported to me, was: "Follow this man, annoy him as much as possible and give him a little rest."

June 30—Mr. White left his home, No. 121 East Twenty-first Street, for the steamship pier he was to accompany by his wife, his son and his private secretary, Mr. Harriet. I had been under instructions never to reveal to members of his family or firm any information of the Thaw persecution. It was the evident purpose of the McKenna sleuths to conduct their attack in a manner as to bring the matter to the attention of the White family.

Every working member of the Greater New York Detective Agency was on the job. The cavalcade consisted of a crowded automobile, a hansom cab, two men on bicycles and three men running in the street on foot.

As Mr. White walked up the steamer pier, a group of men and women, about a dozen altogether, were lined up along the boarding plank. They sneered and laughed, jeered and gave catcalls.

The architect pretended that he did not see them, and so far as I know their presence was not observed by Mrs. White and her son.

Women Friends Followed.
July 4—While Mr. White was away close surveillance was kept on him. McKenna operatives who were following many young women known to Mr. White and his friends. The manner in which these young women were annoyed was shameful. One was even pursued into the White Mountains, where she went for a vacation. Some of these actresses had complained to Mr. White that they were being annoyed, and he had told me to have it stopped.

"Mr. White," I said at that time, "the only way to stop this is to let the police know of the sleuths who are doing the work."

"That would bring the young ladies into unpleasant notice," was his answer. "See if you cannot find some other way to break up the annoyance."

Sept. 10—I suggested to Mr. White that he should be very grateful. I mentioned that I had done him some wrong.

Always Defended Woman.
Mr. White paused and breathed heavily, as if undergoing some deep emotion. He continued: "I used to know his wife. I befriended her and her family."

"He should be very grateful," I mentioned. "But I say Thaw is crazy—crazy as a loon—and insanely jealous of his wife. He doubtless imagines that I am meeting her and before God I am not. My friendship for the girl was taken from a purely fatherly interest, and in person on account of many social engagements, concluding: 'Any arrangements made by my secretary, Mr. Chapman, will be satisfactory to me.'"

Mr. White foolishly told Chapman, alias Rowley, what steamship he was sailing on.

I called on Mr. White shortly after the impostor had left. The architect showed me the letter, and gave me a description of his visitor, whom I soon placed as Rowley. The letter was turned over to Mr. White's lawyer and friend, De Laury Noyd.

June 5—Mr. White is thoroughly alarmed over the Thaw persecution. He began to see a seriousness which he had not counted upon ahead. "I want a good man to go with me," he said to me. "I have a premonition that a desperate move will be taken while I am on the other side."

Superintendent of Thaw's Agency June 8—Operative Kurl has been

which have historic value. Mariposa big tree grove accepted from California. National Park established in Oklahoma and named for Orville Hitchcock Platt. Battle Mountain sanatorium reserve in South Dakota established for diseased soldiers.

Trade mark law amended. Militia efficiency to be promoted by aid of \$2,000,000 annually.

Final disposition of affairs of the five civilized tribes of Indians. Secretary of Interior authorized to establish townships, not more than 100 acres each in irrigated areas.

Unlawful wearing of insignia of G. A. R. and other soldier organizations for hidden purposes.

Secretary of the Navy given greater discretion in suppressing hazing at Annapolis.

Falsely marked articles of gold or silver or their alloys not to be imported, exported or restricted.

Sponges growing in American waters protected. San Francisco sufferers aided; \$2,500,000 appropriated.

Extending period for continuous shipment of cattle to thirty-six hours.

To destroy derelicts, \$250,000 steam vessel authorized.

Numerous lighthouses and beacons authorized.

Census Office directed to collect and publish vital, social and other statistics. Waste in public printing cut down one-third.

For District of Columbia, a Juvenile Court, compulsory education, sale of poisons.

Grave of Andrew Jackson, with fifteen acres of land, made a national cemetery. Marking graves of Confederate soldiers ordered.

Jamestown Exposition, 1907, given aid. Monuments Authorized—King's Mountain battle-ground, South Carolina, \$20,000; landing of the Pilgrims at Provincetown, Mass., \$40,000; Princeton battle-ground, New Jersey, \$40,000; John Paul Jones, in Washington, \$50,000; Commodore John Barry, in Washington, \$50,000; H. W. Longfellow, in Washington, \$40,000 for pedestal.

Incorporations—Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Learning; Archaeological Institute of America, and Ohio and Lake Erie Canal Company.

Thanks of Congress extended to General Horace Porter for recovering body of John Paul Jones.

Restrictions on cabinet officers to prevent deficiencies of appropriation.

Sixty-nine laws enacted authorizing bridges or dams across navigable rivers.

Forty-three acts for the government of the District of Columbia.

\$20 public acts altogether.

retailers by putting men out after Thaw and his wife. Mr. White's reply: "Then I would be the equal of Thaw. I trust that I am above such mean conduct."

He remarked: "I am not doing any more than any other man would do. At the same time he would like color from his checks at the mention of Thaw's name and bite his lips as he did when I first told him of the McKenna Agency."

June 15—"Bergoff, this Thaw man will stop at nothing, and my life is always in danger," said Mr. White to me. He had been followed by his office.

I replied: "You should be covered by one of my men at all times."

Then he laughed and made jest of the whole affair by saying: "I would have a man around all the while. People would notice it."

September 25—Thaw had been to see an Anthony Comstock and others of his ilk and traps were set for Mr. White to fall into. Children were placed in the way of the architect, but if he was not there he was never tempted, only annoyed.

At this point there is a long break in Bergoff's diary, no entry appearing from September 25, 1906, until June 14, 1906, possibly because there was nothing of great importance to record. Then it is resumed, as follows:

June 14, 1906—I called at Mr. White's office, being in that neighborhood. He had only a few days before returned from a trip to Canada. He looked fit and was in excellent humor.

"They are after me again," he said in a merry way.

"Have them looked up," again I insisted.

"I am going to have something done before long," was his answer, and he then matter rested.

I once suggested to Mr. White that perhaps his wife might be the person most concerned. He ridiculed the idea, saying: "It is absolutely absurd," he said. "What could she be doing such a thing for? I am not doing anything to be ashamed of."

June 21—I called at Mr. White's office and was told that the architect did not leave his office until 8 o'clock the night previous.

Four men were in an automobile outside of the office, and they were recognized as McKenna operatives. When told of their presence in the street Mr. White remarked that he had decided that it was about time to close up the matter.

He was nervous, and that on the following day he was going to call up my office and take final action in the courts.

But Harry K. Thaw shot and killed him the night before.

In this brief and dramatic manner concludes the detective's story, showing that Thaw was about to take drastic action when he was shot down.

PRESIDENT GOES HOME FOR SUMMER

Met at Station by Mrs. Roosevelt and Driven to Sagamore Hill.

THE NEIGHBORS ARE PLEASED

Plan to Make Much of President in Fourth of July Celebration.

(By Associated Press.)

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 1.—President Roosevelt is at Sagamore Hill for the summer. He was met at the station this morning by Mrs. Roosevelt and Kermit, who had attended early communion.

His journey from Washington ended with the five-mile drive to Sagamore Hill, where he remained throughout the day. The annual return of President Roosevelt met the hearty approval of his Oyster Bay neighbors, who are planning to make much of him in their Fourth-of-July celebration.

When the President stepped from the train Kermit greeted him, Mrs. Roosevelt waiting the wagonette. The attempt of a man with a camera to snap President as he took his seat by Mrs. Roosevelt was interfered with by the activity of the secret service men. The special train, which left Washington shortly after midnight, reached Jersey City just before 8 o'clock this morning.

Breakfast had been served, and the party immediately went aboard the tug "Lancaster," on which the President and the Long Island City station was made. Another special train was taken, which reached Oyster Bay at 9:30.

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Woman's Nightmare

No woman's happiness can be complete without children; it is her nature to love and want them as much as it is to love the beautiful and

THE EMPEROR HAS FOUND TROUBLE

Cannot Find Man in Whom to Entrust Reins of Government.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, July 1.—No definite statement with reference to the retirement of the Gorenkyin Cabinet was forthcoming to-day. Emperor Nicholas apparently is encountering trouble in finding a man to whom to entrust the reins of power and effecting an understanding with the liberal groups of Parliament.

The Constitutional Democratic Parliamentary Committee met this morning behind closed doors to discuss tactics under the new situation. The Associated Press was informed after the meeting that the committee adhered to its former decision that nothing less than a fully responsible Cabinet will be acceptable, and that Constitutional Democrats will refuse to take portfolios in any mixed ministry.

The leaders' present plan is to adopt towards any new ministry the same tactics they have followed in the past, acceptance of what is good in the policy of the government, and unsparing criticism where that policy does not square with their ideas.

The immediate passage of a vote of lack of confidence is probable. It is stated that Minister of the Interior Stolypin and Minister of Finance Kokovtsov will submit to the lower House of Parliament, probably to-morrow, a request for an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for famine relief, one-half of which will be for distribution during the current year, and the remaining one-half next year.

The ministers reject Parliament's suggestion that relief be conducted through the Zemstvos and other local bodies, declaring that the organization of those bodies is insufficient, and that only the administration is capable of efficient work.

Young Man Shot and Killed, and Policeman Seriously Injured in Alabama.

(By Associated Press.)

OXFORD, ALA., July 1.—As the result of a fight on a street-car returning from Oxford Lake last night, Will Holcombe, a young white man, was shot and killed; Policeman Knight is seriously injured by being struck over the head with a bottle; Policeman John A. Thomas was knocked down and cut, and Conductor Walls, of the street-car, was cut in the hand.

A dispute arose over some change while the car was standing at a switch, and the officers came up to stop it. In the fight which followed Knight was struck over the head with a bottle and Thomas knocked down and cut. Thomas then fired one shot, which went through Holcombe's heart. Several arrests have been made.

PATRICK SAVES LIFE.
Murderer in Sing Sing Gets Respite for a Month.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALBANY, N. Y., July 1.—By following the advice of Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, his neighbor in Sing Sing prison, John Johnson, the Guyanese murderer, has succeeded in having his death put off until July 18th. Johnson was sentenced to die in the electric chair on Monday, but an order deferring the execution until the middle of this month was granted by Governor Higgins.

As the court will not convene until October Johnson, in order to move for a rearrangement of the case, asked the Governor to defer the execution until that month. But the Governor decided to look into the matter more carefully before granting a full respite.

Locknane—Jones.
A pretty home marriage was celebrated last Thursday night when Miss Lavonia Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Jones, of Buckingham county, became the bride of Mr. James Locknane, of New York City.

The